



Benefits & Services for Veterans and Their Beneficiaries in Pennsylvania



*Pennsylvania cares for its veterans,
their spouses and children*

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Our Mission:

To increase awareness of all benefits for Pennsylvania veterans and their dependents, to provide the best advice and assistance in obtaining benefits and to provide the highest quality care to the residents of our state
Veterans' Homes



Office of the Deputy Adjutant General for Veterans Affairs

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For more information on any one of the benefits located in this pamphlet contact your county director.

*Statements in this pamphlet are intended for general information
and do not have the effect of law or regulation.*

DISABLED VETERANS' REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION

Any honorably discharged veteran who is a resident of the Commonwealth shall be exempt from the payment of all real estate taxes levied upon any building, including a maximum of five acres of land upon which it stands, provided that all eligibility criteria is met.



Eligibility:

- Veteran must be a resident of the Commonwealth.
- Honorable Discharge.
- Served during established war service dates as determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Veteran must have a total or 100% permanent service connected disability rating by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Dwelling is owned solely by the veteran or as an estate in the entirety.
- Veteran must occupy the real estate as his/her principal dwelling.
- Veteran must prove financial need.
- Upon the death of a qualified veteran, tax exemption may pass on to the unmarried surviving spouse if financial need can be shown.

VETERANS' EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Provides temporary financial aid in an emergency to veterans and their beneficiaries who reside in Pennsylvania for the necessities of life (food, shelter, fuel, clothing and medical expenses).

Eligibility:

- Honorable Discharge.
- Served during established war service dates as determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Must be a Pennsylvania resident.
- Must suffer an unexpected loss of income within 180 days of application through no fault of the individual.
- May not be on Public Assistance.
- Must have a financial need.

Upon the recent death of a veteran, their spouse or orphaned children are eligible provided the veteran would have qualified prior to his/her death.

Payments:

If eligible, a veteran or their beneficiary is entitled to a total of three checks during a 12-month period. Rates are paid according to the number of persons in a household and the county in which they reside.

BLIND VETERANS' PENSION

Provides for a pension of \$150 per month.

Eligibility:

- Served in the military honorably.
- Resident of PA upon entering the military.
- Suffered a service-related injury or incurred a disease which resulted in loss of vision:

Visual acuity with the best correcting lens is 3/60 or 10/200 or equivalent, or less normal vision in the better eye.

Includes circumstances where the widest diameter of the visual field of the better eye has contracted to an angular distance of not greater than 20°.

PARALYZED VETERANS' PENSION

Provides for a pension of \$150 per month.

Eligibility:

- Served in the military honorably.
- Resident of PA upon entering the military.
- Suffered a service connected injury or disease resulting in the loss or loss of use of two or more extremities.



EDUCATIONAL GRATUITY



Educational gratuities (up to \$500.00 per semester/term) are for children of honorably discharged veterans who have wartime service-connected disabilities or children of veterans who die or died in service during a period of war or armed conflict.

Eligibility:

- Died in service during a period of war or armed conflict.
- OR**
- Served during established war service dates as determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
 - Rated as totally and permanently disabled by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
 - Children must be between the ages of 16 and 23, living within the Commonwealth five years prior to application and must attend a school within the Commonwealth.
 - Honorable Discharge.

PERSIAN GULF CONFLICT VETERANS' BENEFIT ACT

The program allows for compensation to be paid to eligible service members (current and former) as well as certain surviving relatives of deceased veterans who served in Desert Shield/Storm.



Eligibility:

- Served with the United States Armed Forces, a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces or the Pennsylvania National Guard.
- Served on active duty in the Persian Gulf Theater of Operations during the period from August 2, 1990 to August 31, 1991 and received the Southwest Asia Service Medal.
- Been a legal resident of Pennsylvania at the time of active service (Aug 2, 1990 - Aug 31, 1991).

Deadline: The deadline for submitting applications for the Persian Gulf Conflict Veterans' Benefit Program is August 31, 2015.



Persian Gulf Conflict Veterans' Benefit Program

PO Box 1109 Harrisburg, PA 17108-1109

Phone: 1-866-458-9182 (toll free)

TTY: 1-866-835-8983 (hearing impaired)

Website: www.persiangulfbonus.state.pa.us

STATE VETERANS' HOMES

Pennsylvania offers its eligible veterans or surviving spouses extended care facilities throughout the state. The level of care provided includes personal care, skilled nursing care, and dementia care.

Eligibility:

- Honorable Discharge.
- Served in the U.S. or PA Armed Forces.
- Resident at time of entry or current resident of Pennsylvania.

Hollidaysburg Veterans' Home (Hollidaysburg)

Phone: (814) 696-5201
www.hvh.state.pa.us

Pennsylvania Soldiers' and Sailors' Home (Erie)

Phone: (814) 871-4531
www.pssh.state.pa.us

Southeastern Veterans' Center (Spring City)

Phone: (610) 948-2400
www.sevc.state.pa.us

Gino J. Merli Veterans' Center (Scranton)

Phone: (570) 961-4300
www.gmvc.state.pa.us

Southwestern Veterans' Center (Pittsburgh)

Phone: (412) 665-6706
www.swvc.state.pa.us

Delaware Valley Veterans Home (Philadelphia)

Phone: (215) 965-5900
www.dvvh.state.pa.us

www.dmva.state.pa.us

OTHER STATE BENEFITS

State Educational Grants and Financial Aid for Veterans

Toll Free: (800) 692-7392

Veterans Preference in State Civil Service

Civil Service Commission

Phone: 717-787-6039

Birth and Death Records

Division of Vital Records

Phone 724-656-3100

Veterans License Plates/Placards

Department of Transportation

Toll Free: (800) 932-4600

Veterans Employment

Contact a Veterans Employment Representative at a PA CareerLink office for free job counseling, training referrals, and placement services for veterans.

Free Hunting/Fishing/Fur Trapper License for Certain Disabled Veterans

Application can be made at your county treasurer.

Antlerless Deer License

Application can be made at a county treasurer of their choice, regardless of the county allocation.

COUNTY DIRECTOR LISTING

County	Work Phone	County	Work Phone
Adams	717-337-9835	Lackawanna	570-963-6778 x 1892
Allegheny	412-621-4357	Lancaster	717-299-7920
Armstrong	724-548-3441	Lawrence	724-656-2541
Beaver	724-770-4452	Lebanon	717-228-4422
Bedford	814-623-4848	Lehigh	610-782-3295
Berks	610-378-5601	Luzerne	570-706-3960
Blair	814-693-3160	Lycoming	570-327-2365
Bradford	570-265-1704	McKean	814-887-3241
Bucks	215-345-3307	Mercer	724-662-7511
Butler	724-284-5352	Mifflin	717-248-6421
Cambria	814-472-1590	Monroe	570-517-3187
Cameron	814-486-1372	Montgomery	610-278-3285
Carbon	570-325-3986	Montour	570-271-3061
Centre	814-355-6812	Northampton	610-559-3199
Chester	610-344-6375	Northumberland	570-988-4213
Clarion	814-226-4000 x2601	Perry	717-582-2131
Clearfield	814-765-4611	Philadelphia	215-686-3256
Clinton	570-893-4339	Pike	570-296-3563
Columbia	570-387-6501	Potter	814-274-8290 x210
Crawford	814-333-7314	Schuylkill	570-628-1400
Cumberland	717-240-6178	Snyder	570-837-4277
Dauphin	717-780-6356	Somerset	814-445-1551
Delaware	610-891-4646	Sullivan	570-946-5201
Elk	814-776-5370	Susquehanna	570-278-4600 x260
Erie	814-451-6270	Tioga	570-723-8141
Fayette	724-430-1241	Union	570-524-8676
Forest	814-755-3404	Venango	814-432-9780
Franklin	717-263-4326	Warren	814-728-3478
Fulton	717-485-6873	Washington	724-228-6865
Greene	724-852-5275	Wayne	570-253-5970 x3114
Huntingdon	814-643-1360	Westmoreland	724-830-3530
Indiana	724-465-3815	Wyoming	570-996-2258
Jefferson	814-849-3618	York	717-771-9218
Juniata	717-436-7728		

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